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THURSDAY OPEN FORUMS AT LOYOLA
PROGRAM FOR DEBATING CURRENT ISSUES

A program of fortnightly noon hour open forums has been introduced at Loyola to allow students and faculty an opportunity to freely discuss topics of current interest that fall outside usual academic borders.

"Like most colleges we tend to be compartmentalized in our thinking," says Professor Robert Tittler, of Loyola's History Department, who introduced the idea of the forums.

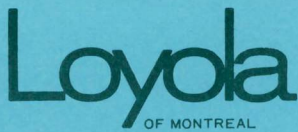
"Physics students learn a lot about physics and history students a lot about history, but they tend to forget they are citizens of a modern world who have to make judgements about issues outside their own disciplines.

"Abortion and birth control, drugs and the law, Canadian nationalism and Canadian U.S. relations are problems which affect us all, yet very little consideration of these issues is encouraged within the normal academic programs at a college," he says.

The open forums, being held every second Thursday, are aimed at bringing subjects such as these up for discussion. Each session is devoted to a single topic and is lead by a student or faculty member who has some interest or competence in the topic.

After the leader's introductory remarks the floor is opened for debate involving both students and faculty. The atmosphere is informal and individuals are free to voice any opinions they hold.

The next Thursday Open Forum will be lead by Professor William Akin, head of Loyola's History Department, in the Hingston Hall Lounge at noon on Thursday October 21. The subject is "The Greening of America". Questions expected to be raised are: Is America undergoing a revolution? Could it happen in Canada? What is the role of youth in social change?



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The following Thursday Open Forum will be on November 4th. It will be lead by Keith Henderson, an English instructor at Loyola's collegial level. The subject will be CANADIAN NATIONALISM AND CANADIAN LITERATURE. Areas likely to be discussed are: Canadian literature as a platform for nationalistic ideas; regulation of foreign content in Canadian Literature etc.

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*Total five +
Papers (English + happening list)*